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Chicago Police Aide Denies Link With C.I.A. Spying

CHICAGO, May 10 (AP)—The Chicago Police Department was not involved in Central Intelligence Agency spying against antiwar activists in the late 1960's and early 1970's, a high-ranking police official says.

Deputy Police Superintendent Patrick Needham, who was linked to the C.I.A. in documents made public yesterday, acknowledged that he had come into contact with the agency in a period when it allegedly spied on an undetermined number of Chicagoans.

However, Mr. Needham said that he had done nothing improper and denied any impropriety on the part of the police department.

A message to the C.I.A. from its Chicago office identified Mr. Needham as a "liaison contact" and a "most cooperative, understanding and helpful police official who has assisted this office many times in the past 10 years." The message was dated May 26, 1977.

It was among documents obtained in a lawsuit filed by the Alliance to End Repression and other groups.